

TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
December 11 & 12, 2003
San Francisco

M I N U T E S

Attendees: Dr. Ramon Johnson Virginia Hastings William Haug
Dr. William Tuefel Dr. Judith Brill Barbara Duffy, RN
Leonard Inch Carol Gunter Linda Raby, RN
Richard Watson Maureen McNeil Bonnie Sinz
Donna Nicolaus

Absent: Dr. David Hoyt, Dr. Babatunde Jinadu, Dr. Jay Goldman, Larry Karsteadt, Bob Eisenman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Los Angeles and Alameda CMS Matching Funds
- HRSA Grant Update

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following new members to the Trauma Advisory Committee were introduced:

- William Haug, Pediatric Hospital Representative
- Carol Gunter, Los Angeles EMS Administrator/Urban Representative
- Linda Raby, RN, Trauma Manager's Association of California Representative

HRSA FUNDING UPDATE

EMSA received the second year of funding for the National Trauma-EMS Systems Program, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant. Funds from the grant will support the Trauma Advisory Committee and the Trauma Data Ad Hoc Committee.

BIOTERRORISM GRANT

It has been determined that \$500,000 of the HRSA Bioterrorism grant will be earmarked for trauma. The Trauma Advisory Committee will be working with EMSA's Hospital Bioterrorism Preparedness Program to develop a plan for the effective use of these funds. A conference call will be held on January 8, 2004 to discuss this issue.

STATEWIDE TRAUMA SYSTEM

Richard Watson commended the Trauma Advisory Committee for their efforts to develop a statewide trauma care system. He also encouraged them to consider various models in their development efforts and to develop ways to efficiently use the state's trauma resources. The committee worked to develop a first draft of a statewide trauma plan.

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

Dr. Manley from San Francisco General Hospital made an informative presentation on Traumatic Brain Injury.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Mountain Valley EMS Agency raised a question regarding the role of the Physician Assistant in the care of the trauma patient in the Emergency Department and/or the Intensive Care Unit. The trauma regulations do not address Physician Assistant. The Trauma Advisory Committee indicated that the minimum standards which are to be adhered to are outlined in the regulations and that the role of Physician Assistant is a medical staff issue which should be addressed in protocols.

HRSA REPORT

The HRSA Bioterrorism Grant has specified that \$500,000 be used to increase trauma and burn capacity. The Trauma Advisory Committee will be meeting to discuss potential uses for this funding and working with EMSA's Disaster Program to further develop a proposal.

INTERCOUNTY AGREEMENTS

The trauma regulations require documentation that intercounty trauma center agreements have been approved by the EMS agencies of both counties that are affected. This language was intended to ensure coordination between neighboring jurisdictions when trauma patients are transferred directly from the field to their trauma facility. Because there have been a number of issues that have arisen throughout the state, this issue was brought to the trauma committee for recommendations for resolution. The Trauma Advisory Committee recommended that cosigned policies or letters of coordination be considered. EMSA will send a letter to all LEMSAs addressing this issue which includes examples of "agreements".

NEXT MEETING

The next Trauma Advisory Committee Meeting will be held in March or April.